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Electronic Meeting Room...Collaborating Tool

FMSO Adds Electronic Meeting Support ...to better serve our customers

Are you tired of "hum drum" meetings where one or two people dominate the conversation and no one else gets to say anything? How about unstructured meetings that never get much done? Do the minutes reflect what really happened?

We can change that!

FMSO recently opened a new "state-of-the art" Electronic Meeting Support (EMS) Room, designed to improve the quality of meetings. The EMS Room, sometimes called the "GroupSystems Room", is part of our on-going process improvement efforts. The room utilizing supporting software, GroupSystems, provides a non-threatening environment that guides participants through the steps necessary to identify objectives, establish action items, and assign responsibility. By allowing meeting participants to contribute anonymously and simultaneously, the facility

encourages participation and highlights ideas, not submitters.

Strategic planning meetings, workgroup meetings, system walkthroughs, and information sharing are some of the many uses for this facility. A popular feature of the EMS Room is NO MINUTES TAKING...supporting software captures all participant input so your meeting records always contain an exact transcript of what occurred.

Sound Good?

The Electronic Meeting Room is open to all FMSO employees, our customers, as well as other activities. To learn more about how this facility can help you have effective meetings, contact our coordinator.

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Electronic
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FMSO CO, CAPT Martin (fourth from left) and staff using Electronic Meeting Support Room



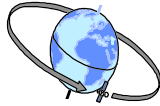
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Internet Initiatives



NAVSUP Internet Site Grows

NAVSUP's Web pages continue to be updated and now sport detailed information on the Year 2000 Project, Do-It-Yourself Household Goods, and Naval Supply Reserve Forces. Links were implemented from NAVSUP's Purchase Card pages to the Navy Management and System Support Office Express Card Web site.

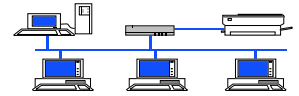


FMSO's Web page developers from left: Jack Craig and Bob Sidman

Lotus Notes Implementation Underway

The deployment of Lotus Notes to NAVSUP HQ has been completed. Implementations for NAVICP and FMSO are underway. A draft schedule has been developed and is currently under review for deployment to the remaining NAVSUP activities.

LAN Initiative



Email Software Upgraded

The Notes Mail Netframe System has been replaced for all Lotus Notes users with a new multi-processor Dell 6100 Notes server which provides more industry-standard technology. Other upgrades included the implementation of a Notes Fax server, and a NAVSUP PAO Notes server. FMSO has imported the Streamlined Automated Logistics Transmission System (SALTS) directory to Lotus Notes Mail, providing the capability to exchange Email with approximately 2700 mailboxes serving DOD and beyond.

Defense Data Access (DDA) System

The DDA system provides Defense supply activities with communication capabilities to interface via Defense Data Network, and/or Navy Logistics Network protocol with other activities serviced by DDN, or other defense networks. In support of Tandem CLX elimination and consolidation at Defense Megacenters (DMCs), FMSO provided DDA installation support to FISC Puget Sound, TRF Bangor, and FISC Yokosuka. On-site support was also provided to TRF Bangor for cutover to San Diego, and to DMC Jacksonville for cutover of Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point processing.

On-Site Local Area Network (LAN) Support

FMSO provided on-site LAN support to FISC Pearl Harbor for the implementation of Tandem FASTLAN for the Automation of Procurement and Accounting Data Entry system. On-site support was also provided for Naval Air Station Memphis for the recovery of the primary Netware server hard disk drive.

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Internet Firewall Team visits FISC Pearl Harbor...

FISC Pearl Harbor welcomed the FMSO Internet Firewall Team in August. The FMSO Team implemented firewall enhancing security for Internet transactions providing the foundation for a secure global network. The Internet Firewall Team is busy planning and scheduling site surveys at FISC Jacksonville, FL, Norfolk Detachment at the Washington DC Navy Yard, and the Navy Transportation Support Center, Norfolk, VA.



FMSO's Firewall Team from left: Tim Leedy, Dick Rein, Tim Thompson and LCDR William Swain

BUSINESS SYSTEMS

LOGISTICS



Partnering/NAS Requirements

The Navy Air Station (NAS) Requirements comprises a series of projects that provide FISCs with enhanced capabilities including the ability to partner with multiple Air Stations. The partnerships allow the consolidation of inventory management and automated data processing, plus increased asset sharing. Implementations of the NAS Requirements at Trident Refit Facility (TRF) Kings Bay, GA and Naval Submarine Support Facility, New London CT in September completed the planned implementation schedule. All FISCs can now better support the unique logistics requirements of current and future partner sites.

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to be completed and a recommendation made to OPNAV in the October/November time frame. If selected, TRIDENT LDS could be released to all shore based IMA sites.

Maintenance Modeling Function (MMF)

Portions of the new client-server version of this software were provided to TRIDENT LDS users for operational review. MMF provides the capability to plan and schedule alternate workload scenarios for the TRF's at Kings Bay, GA and Bangor, WA, via simulation. The projected workloads are based on "real time" configuration and maintenance data for the submarines scheduled to undergo refit, as well as other maintenance workload brokered into the maintenance facility. MMF is scheduled for release in April 1998.

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Repair Process Standardization

This high priority NAVICP project contains 11 sub-projects which standardize requirements determination and repair schedules for aviation, ship, and submarine platforms. Four of these eleven sub-projects were successfully placed in production at NAVICP-Mechanicsburg in September. Joint NAVICP/FMSO testing of the remaining sub-projects will begin in November. Implementation for the remaining programs is scheduled for early spring of 1998.

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FINANCIAL



STARS...Fleet Accounting Prototype Operational

A prototype of Fleet Accounting using the Standard Accounting and Reporting System - Field Level (STARS-FL) became operational for COMNAVAIRPAC units located at Tinker Air Force Base in August. This event was a precursor for conversion of both the Atlantic and Pacific Fleets beginning with Fiscal Year 1998.

The conversion to STARS was necessitated by the difficulties associated with the software and hardware maintenance of the aging Fleet Resource Accounting Module (FRAM) system; the desire to bring a responsive on-line system into use at the DFAS Operation Location's (OPLOC's) performing Fleet Accounting, and to bring the Fleet's accounting process into line with Ashore accounting and compliancy with the Congressionally mandated Chief Financial Officer's Act.

The conversion to STARS from FRAM will have minimal impact for ships using end-use accounting. Summary Unfilled Order Difference Listings (SFOEDLs) and Aged Unfilled Orders List (AUOL) will be produced as before the conversion. DFAS is working with the Navy to send these reports electronically to ships; ships work them online and electronically generate transactions to correct/update their financial status. An additional change will be the requirement to submit Transmittal Listings (TL's) via SALTS. Initially, TL's will be submitted at the current frequency of bi-weekly for all non-Shipboard Uniform Automated Data Processing (SUADPS) activities and monthly for all SUADPS activities as per the existing

TRIDENT Logistic Data System (LDS)

The new client-server version of the Pre-Processor Module (PPM) was implemented at TRF's Kings Bay, GA and Bangor, WA. This rehoused version serves as the new interface between the TRIDENT LDS Maintenance system and the Uniform Automated Data Processing System (UADPS). The rehoused version was enhanced to support Regional Maintenance concepts.

The Command Resource Management Module (CRMM) was installed at the Ship Repair Facility in Yokosuka, Japan. CRMM will improve timekeeping capability and provide better control on foreign national job charges.

The TRIDENT LDS is one of three systems being evaluated by NAVSEA as a replacement for the legacy Maintenance Requirement Management System, Intermediate Maintenance Activity (IMA) module. The review is



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business practices. Since STARS is already capable of receiving TL's daily, the Navy will soon have the tools to provide ashore managers daily information on the Fleet's financial status; improving management of shrinking resources and enhancing Fleet Commanders ability to focus on the Fleet's needs.

Training was conducted for DFAS and Pacific Fleet TYCOM personnel at OPLOC San Diego and at OPLOC Norfolk for the Atlantic Fleet.

Financial Systems Conversion/Consolidations

STARS-FL was implemented at Naval Station Rota, Spain in May, the Naval Security Group Edzell of Scotland in June, and Bureau of Navy Personnel (BUPERS) in

August. These implementations provide significant data center cost savings by eliminating hardware as well as local unique financial applications.

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Funds Distribution and Reporting (FDR)

The STARS Funds Distribution and Reporting (FDR) module was placed into production in June. FDR provides the official reporting and financial status for the Department of the Navy of all general funds appropriations to OSD and the Treasury Department.

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DFAS OPLOC Year End Conference

Representatives from the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) Operating Locations (OPLOC), the STARS Project Management Office, the Navy Financial Management Office, and DISA's DMC participated in a STARS-FL Year End Conference held in Mechanicsburg, PA in August.

This annual conference, hosted by FMSO, brought the OPLOC community together to discuss year-end processing, and share information on various projects. The last day focused on various Fleet accounting issues as DFAS and Navy move closer to converting the remainder of fleet accounting to STARS-FL.

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FISC Yokosuka reps meet with FMSO's STARS-FL staff



OPLOC Honolulu and OPLOC Oakland attendees

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INTERNATIONAL LOGISTICS

Royal Saudi Naval Force (RSNF)

FMSO completed the customer UIC data base conversion project in Riyadh for the RSNF, Computerized Provisioning, Allowance and Supply System (COMPASS) Project. This was accomplished by utilizing an international data line dial-up capability from

Mechanicsburg. The FMSO team has initiated program development for the Inventory Allotment and Accounting subsystem redesign. In addition, FMSO has been extensively involved with the Naval Education and Training Field Activity in planning the RSNF COMPASS self-sufficiency training project, a multi-year effort to enable the RSNF to assume maintenance responsibility.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING...

Year 2000...Addressing the Yr 2000 Challenge



We are assuring integrity of our Automated Information Systems as we approach Year 2000. Assessments of all key systems have been completed on schedule. We are initiating analysis and code renovation phases of this project and automated tools supporting these phases have been purchased. Project management visits were completed at FISC Yokosuka and FISC Pearl Harbor this summer.

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Tandem CLX to Himalaya Migration

FMSO is supporting the DISA-lead effort to migrate Tandem applications such as Automation of Procurement and Accounting Data Entry and Asset Visibility from the Tandem CLX to the new generation Tandem Himalaya hardware. All Uniform Automated Data Processing System - Stock Point applications are scheduled to be migrated by January 1998. This effort will allow DISA to consolidate Tandem operations at DMCs San Diego, Jacksonville and Mechanicsburg.

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Site-to-Site

FMSO completed a four-week rapid development effort to support FISC Inventory Manager (IM) asset positioning decisions. Site-to-Site provides IMs the ability to analyze inventory location and reposition material as needed. The application provides real functionality at the desktop. Site-to-Site is a process driven, 3-tier/client-server application. It is a follow-on effort to the On-Line Replenishment Review project. Initial implementation was completed for FISC San Diego.

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Corporate Licensing

In support of NAVSUP policy, FMSO contracted with ORACLE Corporation to provide a corporate network license for the ORACLE Relational Data Base Management System server, and a variety of supporting software products. The operating systems supported for the server platforms are Hewlett Packard Unix, AIX (IBM Unix), Solaris (Sun Unix), Windows NT and MVS (IBM mainframe). The license is limited to 1,722 concurrently connected workstations. Users must belong to the NAVSUP community.

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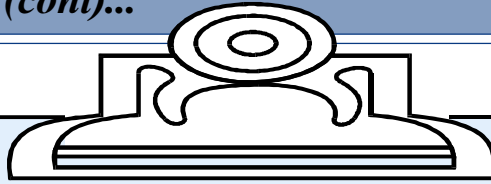
Asset Vis...Integrated Systems Test (IST) Meeting

FMSO sponsored a three day IST review of the DLA Asset Visibility Project with Uniform Automated Data Processing System-U2 (UADPS-U2) customer representatives in August. The project provides visibility of DLA material at the site level. Customers and FMSO analysts jointly reviewed test outputs and discussed the impacts of resulting system changes.

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FMSO CO, CAPT Jim Martin addresses DLA Asset Visibility IST meeting

WHAT'S HAPPENING (cont)...***Supporting Our Customers...***

Level II...provided on-site system support for operators and system administrators on the RISC 6000 platform at NAS Sigonella, Italy and Naval Station Rota, Spain

Naval Aviation Logistics Command Management Information System (NALCOMIS)...provided Defense Megacenters San Diego on-site support for the implementation of the NALCOMIS Interface for Navy Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth, to the Tandem/Burroughs DOSS environment at San Diego

Integrated Technical, Item Management and Procurement (ITIMP)
...FMSO personnel attended the first round of Standard Procurement System (SPS) transition meetings between ITIMP and the SPS Program Office

CDA Managers Meeting...FMSO provided presentations at the DOD CDA Managers Conference held at Dayton Ohio in August...conference provides a forum to share information among DOD CDA's and DISA on programs and projects of mutual benefit. The conference allows CDA's to address common information technology issues

IT Services Contract...FMSO awarded a multi-year Information Technology (IT) Services contract in August. This contract provides a strategic partnership with the IT industry allowing access to a broader range of vendor skills and added benefits to our customers

Residual Asset Management (RAM) Item Manager Visibility Project
...Completed the RAM Item Manager Visibility Project allowing the NAVICP to screen their requirements to RAM via the Supply Demand Review process

C2 Conversion...The final Stock Point ADP Replacement conversion to the IBM environment (C2) was completed in August at FISC Yokosuka

Retail Afloat...Three Uniform Inventory Control Point projects were released allowing validation of incoming transactions and facilitation of updates to afloat inventory unit prices and balances

Customer News, Notes and Quotes

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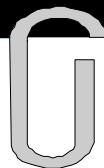
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